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Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter; and
- (2) Response to Restriction/Election Requirement.

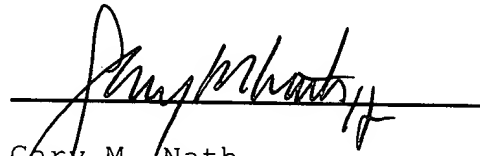
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This is in response to the Official Action mailed March 25, 2003, with a one-month period for response. Thus, this Response is due by April 25, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed within the period set for reply by the Examiner.

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the captioned application. The Official Action states that claims 1-24 are subject to restriction and/or election according to the following groups:

Group I - Claim 1, drawn to a novel microorganism which shows an activity of producing difructose dianhydride IV from levan and activity of degrading levan.

Group II - Claims 2-9, 15-17, drawn to polynucleotides encoding levan fructotransferase, levan fructotransferase, vectors, host cells and a method of making the polypeptide.

Group III- Claims 10-14, drawn to a process for preparing difructose dianhydride IV from levan, using levan fructotransferase.

Group IV- Claims 18-24, drawn to a process for preparing difructose dianhydride IV from sucrose, using levansucrase and fructotransferase.

**ELECTION**

Applicants elect Group II, drawn to claims 2-9 and 15-17 without traverse.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this matter, the Examiner is welcomed to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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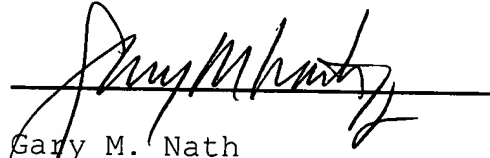
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